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SUBJ: LESOTHO'S POSITIONS ON UNGA ISSUES

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1. CHARGE DISCUSSED SELECTED UNGA ISSUES SEP 24 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KOTSOKOANE, WHO MADE FOLLOWING RESPONSES:

2. KOREA. LESOTHO IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IF IT COMES TO A VOTE AND WILL OTHERWISE SUPPORT U.S./SOUTH KOREAN POSITION. FOREIGN MINISTER VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY ADVISED TANZANIANS THAT HE THOUGHT THEIR POSITION ON KOREA, ESPECIALLY ON RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, WAS UNREALISTIC.

3. CAMBODIA. LESOTHO WILL MAINTAIN ITS SUPPORT OF KHMER REPUBLIC'S SEAT IN UN. HOWEVER, LESOTHO'S POSITION IS AT ODDS WITH MOST OF NONALIGNED BLOC AND GOL WANTS TO BASE ITS
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SUPPORT OF KHMER REPUBLIC ON MOST RECENT AVAILABLE INFORMA-

TION ON AREAS AND POPULATION CONTROLLED BY CONTENDING PARTIES. THEREFORE HE REQUESTS U.S. DELEGATION BE PREPARED TO GIVE HIM FAIRLY DETAILED AND UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON CAMBODIAN SITUATION SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.

4. MIDDLE EAST. LESOTHO SHARES U.S. DESIRE THAT ONGOING EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO AREA NOT BE ENDANGERED BY ACrimonious UNGA DEBATE. KOTSOKOANE SAID HE WAS REASSURED BY REPORTS OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS REASONABLE APPROACH BEING TAKEN BY EGYPTIAN SPOKESMEN AT UN. BECAUSE OF LESOTHO'S CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY WITH EGYPT, GOL DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW EGYPT'S LEAD ON MIDDLE EAST MATTERS.

5. MINISTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GOL DELEGATION WILL BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER DURING COURSE OF THIS WEEK TO FINALIZE GOL POSITIONS. MINISTER SAID HE WOULD ADVISE EMBASSY IF GOL WISHES U.S. SUPPORT ON ANY ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LESOTHO. GOL DELEGATION DEPARTS MASERU SEP 29 ARRIVES NEW YORK SEP 30.
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